

**Year 3**

**Grammar**

**G3 –**

**Combining**

**words,**

**phrases and**

**clauses**

### Noun phrase

Write a **noun phrase** containing at least three words to complete the sentence below.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ was preparing  
for an important athletics competition.

1 mark

Write a **noun phrase** containing at least three words to complete the sentence below.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_ opened the door.

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

My prize was a fluffy green pencil case with a gold zip.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The new paintbrushes are in the box.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

## Conjunction

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

If you want to enter the competition, you can send your idea by email or by post.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

I started drawing a car, but then I changed my mind because I had a better idea.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

Although our team was less experienced than the others and nobody expected us to do well, we won the tournament because we had practised regularly.

1 mark

Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

The journey proved difficult as they had to travel by night, but they made good time once the stars came out to guide them.

1 mark

Circle the **subordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

Since it is sunny today, we can play rounders or cricket.

1 mark

Complete the sentence below by writing the **conjunctions** from the box in the correct places. Use each conjunction only **once**.

or

but

and

You may bring sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_ juice \_\_\_\_\_ water  
for the trip, \_\_\_\_\_ glass bottles are not allowed.

1 mark

Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

\_\_\_\_\_ football is his favourite sport, James also enjoys  
watching tennis on TV.

1 mark

Rewrite the two sentences below as one sentence using an appropriate **co-ordinating conjunction**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

We have time to play a game. We will have to finish it before dinner.

1 mark

### Main clause and subordinate clause

Underline the **subordinate clause** in each sentence below.

Although it was getting late, Dan still hadn't finished his homework.

If you get hungry, help yourself to a snack.

I really enjoy swimming, despite finding it difficult.

1 mark

Underline the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below.

Hassan and I are going to our dance class; we are going to be late as we missed the bus.

1 mark

Underline the **subordinate clause** in the sentence below.

When the crowd heard the clattering sound, they gasped in astonishment.

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show if the underlined clause is a **main clause** or a **subordinate clause**.

| Sentence                                                           | Main clause | Subordinate clause |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| I walked to school with Hazel <u>as we live on the same road</u> . |             |                    |
| <u>Hazel uses a wheelchair</u> so we went up the ramp.             |             |                    |
| <u>Before we entered the classroom</u> , we greeted our friends.   |             |                    |

1 mark

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined clause is a **main clause** or a **subordinate clause**.

| Sentence                                                                        | Main clause | Subordinate clause |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| The school, <u>which has three playing fields</u> , opened in 1967.             |             |                    |
| Although I had cycled to school, <u>I still had the energy for my lessons</u> . |             |                    |
| <u>We will be proud</u> if we try our best.                                     |             |                    |

1 mark

Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and

\_\_\_\_\_

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☐

we started a game of football.

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

1 mark

Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

After they had been for a swim, the boys had a drink

\_\_\_\_\_

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☐

because they were very thirsty.

\_\_\_\_\_

☐

1 mark

What kind of **clause** is underlined in the sentence below?

If they could afford to, the ancient Romans ate well.

\_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Which underlined group of words is a **subordinate clause**?

Tick **one**.

If you want to, you can walk with us.

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This is the best fishing spot we have found.

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We change places when the bell rings.

☐

We planted the parsley next to the mint.

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1 mark